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## **Defense pay system is best of the best, according to Defense Journal**

Cleveland, Ohio -- "CrossTalk," the Journal of Defense Software Engineering, has selected the Defense Civilian Pay System (DCPS) as one of the U.S. government's top five software projects. This award is based on the performance of the entire civilian pay organization and recognizes the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Civilian Pay Operation as the best of the best.

Each year the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition Resources and Analysis sponsors this prestigious award for honoring the best government software capabilities and recognizing excellence in software development.

Over 70 projects were nominated for the award. DCPS placed in the top five for project quality and predictability, two critical evaluations.

"I am obviously very proud of this accomplishment," states Jerry Head, the DFAS Chief Technology Officer. "This recognition is a tribute to the successful partnership between members of the DFAS civilian pay community and the software engineers who provide their technical support. This partnership is based upon dedication, singleness of purpose and professionalism, and is mission oriented," he adds.

Customer input was also solicited and weighed heavily in the selection process. Pat Shine, director, DFAS military and civilian pay services states, "This award is an acknowledgement of the kind of work we accomplish every day. We serve over 680,000 civilian employees with a gross biweekly payroll of \$1.5 billion and have maintained a 100% on-time delivery record. The DCPS project provides DFAS with world class quality software that produces long-term economic benefits. Being in the top five selected for this prestigious award further demonstrates the high standards of our organization."

"CrossTalk" supports this award process each year through their charter, which is to help software organizations identify, evaluate and adopt technologies that improve quality, efficiency and predictability.

The top five awards will be presented at the Software Technology Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, April 28 – May 1, 2003.

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